

luxuriously on roast and boiled meat—rather tough and smoky, to be sure, but the best that the country afforded, or money could buy. March was now close at hand; the wild fowl would then afford me amusement, but first of all I must look after the fur hunters. At length they came, well loaded too, only to stay one night, consequently all of Red Thunder's as well as my own, spare rooms and beds were occupied. They paid me amply. I made a splendid trade, gave them two kegs, each containing three gallons of high wines and six of water. True, they might have gotten the water at their camp; but carrying it on their backs twenty-five miles would mix it better. They made a little speech, hoping I would come again; but my heart might have said; "My face you shall see no more." Pack-making, boat-fixing, bird-shooting, and patiently waiting for the ice to melt out of the streams, were now the objects that occupied my attention.

The Sioux, from about forty miles above the mouth of the river St. Peter's to its sources, and away over the plains, are, or were then, known as the "Upper Sioux;" and those below that to Prairie du Chien, the "Lower Sioux," and were widely different in their character. The latter were more reasonable, and more easily managed, being less savage. This may, perhaps, be attributed to their chiefs having repeatedly, in the early days of Canada, visited Quebec, and got large presents, parchment commissions, and silver medals—one side of which was the King's head, and the British coat of arms on the other, presented to them, through the Indian department, from General Haldimand and Lord Dorchester, and other early Canada governors. In those days the Indians were strong, but yet treated the English with kindness, and placed full confidence in them. Do we reciprocate their friendship and liberality now that we are strong and they weak?

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Sioux. He was prepared with the most elegant pipes and robes I ever saw. Shortly after, he declared, 'that white blood had never been shed in the village of the Yanktons, even when rum was permitted; that Mr. Murdoch Cameron arrived in his village last autumn; that he invited him [Cameron], to eat, and gave him corn as a bird; and that he, Cameron, informed him of the prohibition of rum and was the only person who afterwards sold it in the village.' "

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